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Artis REIT head says he is not worried about impact on biz

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The property owner of 360 Main Street and Winnipeg Square does not believe a reopened Portage and Main would be "detrimental" to retailers located in the underground concourse.

Armin Martens, president and CEO of Artis REIT, was responding to reporters' questions Thursday, on what the impact removing the long-standing barricades on the historic corner would have on his existing properties, and a proposed mixed-use tower at 300 Main.

"I'm kind of neutral," he said of reopening Portage and Main.

"Short or long answer is well, anything we can do to make Portage and Main more relevant and a better visitor and business destination and experience is good for us."

Martens said he is open to "any and all ideas" that mean good business for retailers either above or below ground at the corner.

He said so far, there has been a mixed reaction from retailers in the concourse to the idea of a non-barricaded Portage and Main.

"A slight majority of our tenants here are concerned that would be detrimental. In that case personally I don't think it'll be detrimental at all," Martens said.

"Everybody knows where we are, you know what shops are available in the concourse. It's not completely underground, it's partially underground. Easy to access.

"I'm personally not concerned about that at all," Martens said.

The city recently hired Dillon Consulting Limited for $116,000 to conduct a transportation study on how best to reintroduce foot traffic to the intersection by examining a series of crossing options at three or four of its corners and what the impact would be to traffic.

The political will to have the barricades torn down was reset during the 2014 mayoral campaign race, when now-mayor Brian Bowman pledged to reopen the intersection to pedestrians.

The street crossings were barricaded in the 1970s as part of an agreement the city inked with property developers to open an underground shopping concourse.

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SEWER PLANTS RENOS

Councillor pitches deadline extension

Stephanie Taylor
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Asking the province to extend its deadlines on nearly $1 billion worth of sewer treatment plant upgrades could save the City of Winnipeg from the future risk of cost overruns, according to one city councillor.

Scott Gillingham told Thursday's finance committee it is concerning to read terms like 'fast-track approach' and 'aggressive timeline' in a report detailing the status of expanding the city's South End Sewage Treatment Plant.

"When you feel you've got to move quickly, costs can go up, risks can go up, all these things go up, and so these are flag words for me," he said.

The city currently pegs the price tag of upgrading its South End plant at a Class 3 estimate, costing in the range of $335.6 million.

That is only a portion of a roughly $990 million bill the city is facing to renovate its four water and sewage treatment plants in order to meet provincially-mandated licensing requirements.

"The department is experiencing pressure to raise revenues for these capital projects," Gillingham said, pointing to the proposed 9.2 per cent increase in sewer and water rates.

"It's prudent on our part to extend those timelines, ultimately for the City of Winnipeg, [which] I believe can alleviate some pressure, reduce some of the risks that come with an aggressive timeline, fast-track approach."

Geoff Patton, manager of the city's engineering services, said the province is "anxious" to have the upgrades finished, with completion dates set for 2018 and 2019.

> **in a perfect world we wouldn't be building foundations without full building designs.**
> Geoff Patton

"There's been no discussion of extending beyond those deadlines at this point," he told Thursday's committee.

Patton did however acknowledge the "inherent risks" associated with the overall construction schedule.

"Yes, in a perfect world we wouldn't be building foundations without full building designs, but we felt the risks could be mitigated."

He said an independent consultant is reviewing the city's timelines, looking for opportunities for improvements and warning signs the work may indeed be moving along too quickly.

"We're doing more reviews, more checks, more reviews in the field to mitigate those risks," Patton said.

City partially off the hook in worst roads

CAA REPORT

Drops out of top five worst roads for first time

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

For the first time in its five-year history, the CAA worst roads campaign has somewhat exonerated the City of Winnipeg — as rural roads now outnumber those in the city.

"It could be a testament to the improvements we have had in the city," said Mike Mager, President and CEO of CAA Manitoba, noting there is still more work to be done.

Six rural roads topped this year's list, with a record-setting 8,800 votes cast during the four-week campaign.

Main Street South in Carman took the top spot, followed by Highway 353 near Brookdale, and Provincial Road 251 near Goodlands, southwest of Brandon.

Winnipeg's roads are out of the top five for the first time ever, with Ness Avenue falling to sixth worst in the province.

Liberty Street, Pembina Highway, and St. James Street also cracked the top ... er ... bottom 10 of 660 roads nominated, as did Highway 280 in Gillam.

WORST ROADS

TOP 10

The best of the worst.

1. Main Street South, Carman
2. Manitoba 353, Brookdale
3. Provincial Road 251, Goodlands
4. Provincial Road 450, Boissevain
5. Main Street North, Carman
6. Ness Avenue, Winnipeg
7. Liberty Street, Winnipeg
8. Manitoba 280, Gillam
9. Pembina Highway, Winnipeg
10. St. James Street, Winnipeg

> **It could be a testament to the improvements we have had in the city.**
> Mike Mager

Winnipeg councillor Janice Lukes said she's pleased to see "fewer and fewer Winnipeg roads" make the list.

"When this council came together and set priorities, fixing our roads was our number one priority," Lukes said.

She explained how four years ago the city spent "a mere $30.9 million on regional and local roads."

"Last year, council invested $103 million, and this year ... an unprecedented $105 million," she said. "This is now why we are seeing fewer and fewer roads on this worst roads list."

Janice Lukes said there's a chance for Manitobans to vote again next week — in the provincial election. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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ROAD SAFETY

Wise Up protests missing traffic sign

Braeden Jones
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It was raining, and windy, and cooler than they'd have liked, but members of Wise Up Winnipeg—a group of traffic safety advocates—stood with yellow signs warning drivers of photo enforcement on Panet Avenue near Munroe Street Thursday morning.

Their protest, according to group leader Todd Dube, was of two shortfalls in the city's ticketing practices on the stretch of road.

Firstly, that a median sign warning drivers to slow down to 30 km/h was removed on February 12, and the police were still issuing tickets as recently as March 17.

Without that sign, Dube says all tickets have been "completely illegal," according to the Highway Traffic Act.

During Wise Up's protest, a camera operator packed up and left within an hour of their arrival as they warned drivers to slow down.

A traffic engineer with the city confirmed Thursday afternoon that the Winnipeg Police Service has requested the sign be replaced.

The second shortfall is that Panet has been misclassified as a residential road, said Dube, despite having been twinned like a regional road and meeting "none of the criteria" for either the 30 km/h school zone or its residential classification.

Todd Dube of Wise Up Winnipeg. BRAEDEN JONES

Artis REIT President Armin Martens said a strong urban core is needed in the long run for the city. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

'Transformative' tower plans unveiled

DEVELOPMENT

Building would be 40-storeys tall and cost $165 million

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The skyscrapers at Winnipeg's iconic corner of Portage and Main will soon have some neighbours.

Local developer Artis REIT announced a proposed residential and commercial tower on Thursday, which would cost about $165 million.

The estimated 40-storey tower would feature 36 floors of residential apartment suites, and four floors of commercial and amenity space, which would be situated at 300 Main Street at Graham Avenue.

"It's not just good for Winnipeg, but it's overdue," Armin Martens, President and CEO of Artis REIT, said of the development to reporters and members of the business community gathered for Thursday's unveiling.

"In the long run there really is no such thing as a successful city without a successful urban core."

Martens said proposed amenities for 300 Main would include an urban-style food store, daycare and dog run.

He said currently, there is a shortage of "high-quality, high-density" housing options in the city's downtown.

"Winnipeg is known as a city that's going in the right direction, but in slow motion. We want to accelerate that," Martens said.

Once completed, the building could be the city's tallest–depending on whether the proposed 43-storey SkyCity condo development goes ahead at Graham Avenue and Garry Street–as well as the tallest building between here and Calgary.

Martens said he plans to have shovels in the ground by next February, with construction on the tower finished by April 2019.

Neither provincial nor civic funds would be used to fund the multi-million dollar project, he said, adding they "never even thought about applying for capital assistance."

350

The Winnipeg Construction Association said they estimate work on the two towers will employ 350 construction workers full-time for two years.

The CEO of the city's development agency applauded the apartment tower as one way to attract more of the millennial generation to live downtown, and expressed confidence the development's proximity to Portage and Main will ensure it finds tenants.

"It's transformative, there's no way around it," Coun. John Orlikow said of the development after Thursday's announcement.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Manitoba RCMP nab suspect in shooting

RCMP have a suspect in custody after two people were shot on a southern Manitoba reserve.

Police locked down the Dakota Tipi community near Portage la Prairie, about 85 kilometres west of Winnipeg, for hours Thursday searching for a 31-year-old man.

RCMP blocked all roads around the reserve and urged residents to remain indoors.

RCMP say Tyson Pashe, who is known to police, was arrested mid-afternoon.

A man and a woman were shot in separate homes in the community and were taken to hospital in serious condition.

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INVESTIGATION

RCMP say officers will remain in the community for "an extended period of time" as the investigation continues.

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A safer space for bicycles

Brianna Delaney from the University of Manitoba's Office of Sustainability with Shape Industries' prototype bike locker.
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SECURITY

New, made-in-Manitoba bike locker solution

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The sustainability office at the University of Manitoba is working with a local fabricator to create a better bike-locker.

Ian Hall, the office's director, said the goal is to create "something that's a little more weather protected and offers a little higher level of security."

Essentially steel boxes for bikes to roll into, they offer the safety of a fenced bike lot combined with the weather protection of a roofed shelter in a low-cost, low-footprint package.

But the options available aren't perfect, Hall said.

"There are lockers like this on the market… but for something that big and heavy, shipping is expensive," he explained, adding that's not very environmentally friendly either.

So he approached Shape Industries, the Winnipeg fabrication company that makes most of the campus benches, and asked them to build a prototype locally.

Not only is it made in Winnipeg, it's also "better than what's on the market for our climate."

"It has minor innovations (to) address shortcomings," Hall said.

Among those innovations: coated door handles so gloves and hands don't freeze to it, a higher door that won't be blocked by ice build up, and a deeper, longer container size.

In a recent campus-wide survey, one of the greatest needs was "secure bike parking," and 41 per cent of students said biking was their preferred mode of transportation.

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Greg Selinger, Rana Bokhari and Brian Pallister debated the issues at the first leader debate in Brandon, Man. Thursday. METRO FILE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaders spar over deficits and jobs

MANITOBA ELECTION 2016

Selinger and Pallister trade jabs, Bokhari often left out

Manitoba's three main political leaders exchanged barbs over jobs, deficits and the rock band Nickelback as they squared off in a debate Thursday before the Brandon Chamber of Commerce.

NDP Leader Greg Selinger touted his government's record of deficit spending and economic stimulus and suggested the economy is at risk if his party does not win the April 19 election.

"Our job creation and our unemployment rates are among the best in Canada," Selinger told the crowd of 400.

"Those things need to continue," he said, warning of spending cuts promised by the Opposition.

Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister, who polls suggest is leading the race by a large margin, said 16 years of the NDP in power have hurt the province's economy. He said the government's most recent promise, to boost tax credits for the middle class, pales in comparison to the amount of money gobbled up by recent tax increases, most notably the 2013 sales tax increase.

Pallister said Selinger is giving taxpayers back about five cents for every dollar he's taken by raising taxes.

"That's the Nickelback plan. And once you're heard one of their songs, you've heard them all."

That prompted Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari to take a shot at Pallister's music pun.

"Let's just talk about the relevance of Brian Pallister. Nickelback — 2016, the guy's talking about Nickelback."

Bokhari, a political rookie and former lawyer, was often left out of the debate as Selinger and Pallister targeted each other.

"We believe in a balanced budget, but we don't believe in a balanced budget, um, so that ... ," she said at one point, trailing off. "OK. let me start that over again. I believe in a balanced budget in five or six years, but the challenge is that I don't think that we can sacrifice the everyday needs of Manitobans to balance that budget."

The debate came as a new Mainstreet Research poll conducted for Postmedia suggested the Tories had the support of 39 per cent of Manitobans — double that of the New Democrats. The Liberals, who have had several candidates forced to drop out of the race, dropped to 13 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WAIT LIST

Tories promise daycare boost

Manitoba's Conservative party is promising to put a dent in the province's long wait list for child-care spots by boosting funding for home-based daycares.

Candidate Ian Wishart said if the party is elected on April 19, it will help fund 550 new home daycare spaces this year. It will increase funding by around 70 per cent for infants and toddlers and by 15 per cent for school-age children, he said.

The Conservatives would also review regulations necessary for daycare operators to make the rules less cumbersome and would work with schools to establish daycare centres, he said.

"It's clear old approaches have not worked and it's time for some new approaches," Wishart said Thursday.

Manitoba has some of the lowest daycare fees in Canada, but there is a huge shortage of spaces. There are about 12,000 children currently on a wait list.

Last year, Wishart said the Conservatives were interested in creating more licensed private daycare spaces as a way to improve accessibility for parents. The idea was sharply criticized by the Canadian Union for Public Employees, which suggested that putting child care into the hands of for-profit operators would "increase fees, reduce wages and cut corners."

At the child-care announcement Thursday, Wishart said he wasn't there to talk about private, for-profit centres.

The Conservative plan would "put child care out of reach for countless working and middle-class families," the NDP said in a statement Thursday.

The Liberals have said they would bring in all-day kindergarten to take some of the pressure off daycares.

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April 9-16 Linden Woods Community Centre

KILDONAN
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Additional Location:
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250-3025 Portage Ave.,
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April 9-16 **Kildonan Place**, near Sears

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April 9-16 **St. Vital Shopping Centre,** near The Bay

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April 9-16 Gateway Recreation Centre

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April 9-16 Weston Memorial Community Centre

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Sloan celebrates revered album

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National tour marks 20 years since release of landmark CD

Nigel Moore
For Metro | Winnipeg

Canadian indie-rock legends Sloan as they looked circa One Chord To Another. SUBMITTED/MURDERECORDS

The album One Chord To Another marked "the beginning of the true independent Sloan," according to Jay Ferguson. "And that was 20 years ago."

After leaving Geffen Records following 1994's Twice Removed, Ferguson and his bandmates in Sloan — Chris Murphy, Patrick Pentland and Andrew Scott —made and released the record in 1996 on their own label, and own terms.

The band will bring their One Chord To Another 20th Anniversary Tour to the Pyramid Cabaret on Saturday, where they will play the record front to back.

Sloan made One Chord To Another on what was a relatively shoe-string budget in Halifax. "We put it out ourselves and it became our biggest-selling record of all time," said Ferguson. "It was an encouraging project, and the beginning of Sloan doing everything on our own: paying for our own records, owning our own masters and publishing; everything like that."

"I still prefer making records the way we made it then, where you're on your own schedule, paying for things yourselves and trying to be economical," said Ferguson. "We called the shots, we did the artwork when and how we wanted. All the decisions about making the record and paying for it were our own. You just feel like you're working for yourself, and that's a good way to live one's life," he said.

> **We put it out ourselves and it became our biggest-selling record of all time.**
> Jay Ferguson

Back then, Ferguson secretly hoped Sloan would be still making records today. (They released a new one, Commonwealth, in 2014.)

"When we started the band, I wasn't thinking like, 'Oh yeah, we'll do this for a year and then I'll do something else.' When our band started doing well I was like, 'Let's keep this going,' because for me, this was what I've wanted to do for a living since I was young. So I'm interested in keeping it going for as long as possible," he said.

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Winnipeg's newest millionaire says winning means helping his granddaughter succeed in school.

Robert McKenna recently won $1 million from a Lotto Max Set For Life scratch ticket he bought at the Shoppers Drug Mart at 6670 Roblin Blvd.

"I've always liked the game because you don't have to do too much scratching to find out if you won," he said in a statement. "I scratched two Set For Life icons and I thought to myself, 'It would be so nice if the last spot was the third one.' And it was!"

McKenna said his wife didn't believe him when he called her with the news. "I've played that trick before... But I told her that I had checked the ticket four times and it said the same thing every time: $1 million win!"

McKenna said he plans to renovate his kitchen and help his granddaughter with her schooling. "It's a lot of money," he said. "I'm very happy for the win; I just don't want our lives to change too drastically."

McKenna is the third major lottery win for Winnipeg this year, including a $3.6 million Lotto 6/49 winner and a $1 million Lotto Max prize in March.

METRO

Chief fights PTSD stigma

FIRST RESPONDERS

Blais wants mental-health infrastructure to be a priority

Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais was diagnosed with PTSD in January 2012 after several trips to Haiti as a member of the RCMP. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

On Nov. 8, 2008, Jean-Michel Blais stood in front of a collapsed primary school in Haiti, watching as 93 bodies, most of them children, stacked up in front of him.

The United Nations police team bore through the rubble in search of survivors and found a girl trapped between the bodies of two other children. As deputy commissioner of the UN mission, it was Blais who gave the order to cut one of the bodies in half to pull the surviving girl out safely.

More than to serve and protect, Blais says, police work is about confronting the problems that people would not, should not and could not deal with.

But sometimes, he can't either.

Blais, who became Halifax Regional Police Chief in 2012, recently revealed he has post-traumatic stress disorder.

It has become a hallmark of his leadership atop the Halifax force, where he has made officers' mental health a priority.

By next month, every Halifax officer will complete a half-day Road to Mental Readiness workshop.

> **Officers have to realize that they have to take care of themselves.**
> Chief Jean-Michel Blais

"Day in, day out, these officers have to show up at the doors and deal with the challenges that are there," Blais said in a recent talk at Mount Saint Vincent University. "Spat upon. Shot at. Cut. Yelled at.... You think that doesn't leave them with a lasting stress?"

Blais wants to start a discussion about mental illness within the force. "(Officers) have to realize that they have to take care of themselves before they can take care of others," Blais said in an interview.

When he talks publicly about his PTSD, Blais makes a point of wearing his uniform to show that mental illness can happen to anyone. The symbolism is not without controversy.

"There have been some questions, I think fair questions, about (my) ability to lead," Blais said. "I don't know a good leader who hasn't gone through particular challenges and hasn't come out better for it."

About eight per cent of police officers have PTSD, according to Tema Conter Memorial Trust, which supports first responders.

Since 2014, the organization reports, 31 Canadian police officers have committed suicide, including a member of Calgary's service last week.

"Most people experience trauma once in their lives," trust director Vince Savoia said.

"Police experience it multiple times a day."

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MILITARY

Base security to get a review

The House of Commons defence committee will hold closed-door hearings on the state of security at Canadian military bases.

Conservative MP James Bezan, the party's defence critic, proposed the idea, which was recently accepted by the all-party committee, although a date for the investigation has yet to be scheduled.

In the aftermath of a stabbing of two military members at a north Toronto recruiting facility last month, National Defence conceded that some elements of a full-scale security review at its installations were still ongoing 18 months after the terror attacks of October 2014.

Bezan says it's been clear since the 2014 deaths of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo — attacks inspired by Daesh — that members of the Canadian military need better protection.

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IN BRIEF

So long, suckers

Some businesses in the ocean-side town of Tofino on Vancouver Island are eliminating plastic drinking straws, taking a first slug against plastic waste.

"They're really quite useless," said Michelle Hall, co-chair of a non-profit group spearheading the campaign. "I just wanted to start with something that was way more achievable."

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OILSANDS

Province criticized on plan for monitors

Prominent scientists are warning Alberta's environment minister that disbanding an arm's-length body that monitors the environmental impact of the oilsands is a mistake. "Minister (Shannon) Phillips believes that there is public trust in government science," says a letter signed by 10 A-list researchers. "It is our experience in dealing with the public that this is not the case."

Signatories include scientists whose work originally exposed how poorly Alberta was tracking the environmental impacts of industry, especially the oilsands, as well as some who examined those monitoring methods.

On Tuesday, Phillips announced that the Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency would be folded up and its work brought back within government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TPP would 'dilute' Canada's position

TRADE

Deal will swing doors to U.S. market open, note cautions

On the day Canada agreed to the controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership, an internal federal analysis warned the deal threatened to water down the country's powerful business position in the crucial U.S. market.

But staying out of the treaty — if it's ratified — could be even worse, the memo said.

The October briefing note, prepared for then-finance minister Joe Oliver, framed Canada's participation in the 12-country Pacific Rim pact as a defensive manoeuvre, at least in part.

Joining the TPP would enable Canada to continue its participation in the North American supply chains that "underpin the economy," said the note, obtained by The Canadian Press through the Access to Information Act.

On the positive side, the "secret" document also noted the pact would expand Canadian trade opportunities in Asian countries and ensure a level playing field with U.S. exporters.

Closer to home, however, the agreement would swing open the doors to the crucial American market, it warned.

"Canadian businesses will also face intensified competition as nine more countries will essentially enter the 'NAFTA tent' and dilute Canada's privileged position in the U.S. market," said the document.

Canada signed the treaty in February, but International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland described the move at the time as a "technical step" that didn't necessarily signal it was a done deal.

Freeland has vowed that only a vote in Parliament would ratify the agreement, which was negotiated under the former Conservative government.

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'FLAWED'

Last week, Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz urged Canada to abandon what he described as a "badly flawed" deal that could hamper efforts to rebuild aboriginal relations and fight climate change.

ONE MAN'S TRASH ... SCIENTISTS TURN TIRES INTO MOSQUITO TRAPS

The bottom half of an "ovillanta," a mosquito trap made out of repurposed used tires, is shown in this undated handout photo. A Canadian-led research team has repurposed waste that promotes the spread of mosquitoes and turned it into a potential weapon against the disease-carrying insects. The scientists have taken the tires, an ideal breeding ground for the insects, and made traps for their eggs. "What we are aiming at is destroying the second generation of mosquitoes, by destroying the eggs and the larvae," said Gerardo Ulibarri, a professor of biochemistry at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ont.

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ARGENTINA PROSECUTORS WANT PRESIDENT UNDER SCOPE Demonstrators protest against President Mauricio Macri outside the government in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Thursday. An Argentine prosecutor has asked for an investigation into President Macri's role in offshore companies, adding to the global fallout from a massive leak of documents from a Panama law firm. The signs held by the protesters read in Spanish from left, "They said they were a team.... It turned out they were an illicit association." "Let justice weigh them with the same scales." NATACHA PISARENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. leader admits tax haven profits

PANAMA PAPERS

Cameron invested thousands offshore

After days of headlines about his family's financial affairs, British Prime Minister David Cameron has acknowledged that he profited from his father's investments in an offshore tax haven.

Cameron told ITV news Thursday that he and his wife Samantha sold shares worth 31,500 pounds (currently $44,300) in Blairmore Holdings in early 2010, before Cameron became prime minister.

A leak of millions of documents from a Panamanian law firm has disclosed the financial arrangements of wealthy people — including the British leader's late father, Ian Cameron, who died in 2010.

There is no suggestion he acted illegally.

David Cameron's office has released several previous statements saying the prime minister and his family "do not benefit from any offshore funds" — but not specifying whether they had done so in the past.

Meanwhile, a European Union official threatened Thursday to sanction Panama and other nations if they don't co-operate fully to fight money laundering and tax evasion, after the data leak showed the small country remains a key destination for people who want to hide money.

The 11.5 million documents from the Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca showed it helped thousands of individuals and companies from around the world set up shell companies and offshore accounts in low-tax havens. Because such accounts often hide the ultimate owner of assets, they are a favoured tool to evade taxes, launder money or pay bribes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCANDAL

So far, the scandal has brought down the leader of Iceland and raised questions about the dealings of the presidents of Argentina and Ukraine, senior Chinese politicians, famous actors, athletes and the circle of friends of Russian Vladimir Putin, who some allege has profited indirectly from such accounts.

BRUSSELS AIRPORT

Prosecutors seek info on 'man in a hat'

Belgian prosecutors launched a public appeal Thursday seeking any information on "the man in a hat" seen before the Brussels Airport suicide bombings that killed 16 people.

Belgian Federal Prosecutor Eric Van der Sypt said authorities were especially interested in any people who might have filmed or photographed him.

The suspect was seen at the airport with two suicide bombers before they died in the March 22 attacks.

A subsequent explosion at Brussels' Maelbeek subway station killed another 16 people the same morning.

Photos released by prosecutors showed the man, who was wearing a dark hat, leaving the airport on foot, walking to the nearby town of Zaventem and then into Brussels, where all traces of him were reportedly lost.

The suspect also wore a white jacket but discarded it at some point, prosecutors said.

The appeal for public assistance more than two weeks after the suicide bombings indicates that investigators are at a standstill. Three bombers, two at the airport and one in the subway, also died in the attacks, which wounded 270 people and were claimed by Islamic State extremists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The third suspect of the recent attack on Brussels airport is shown during his escape from the airport after the blasts. BELGIAN FEDERAL POLICE VIA AP

IN BRIEF

Venezuela orders long weekends amid power crisis
Public employees in Venezuela will take long weekends for two months under the government's latest bid to ease a nationwide power crisis.

President Nicolas Maduro announced late Wednesday that he would sign a decree giving state workers a Friday furlough for 60 days. Together with other measures, he hopes to reduce electricity consumption by at least 20 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greek workers go on strike
Greek public sector workers walked off the job in a 24-hour strike Thursday to protest social security and pension reforms demanded as part of Greece's third international bailout, leaving flights cancelled, schools closed and news broadcasts off the air.

Air traffic controllers joined the strike, shutting down Athens' international airport and forcing airlines to cancel flights.

State-run hospitals and the ambulance service were operating with emergency staff only, while engineers, lawyers and journalists were also on strike. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GOP is still cool on Cruz

REPUBLICANS

Runner-up to Trump has little pull with party's core

Sen. Ted Cruz's growing success with voters isn't rubbing off on his fellow GOP senators, who remain decidedly cool to his presidential candidacy.

The Texas Republican is notorious for alienating his colleagues with tactics that have included pushing a fruitless government shutdown in 2013 and accusing the Senate majority leader of lying.

Lawmakers are now paying it back by refusing to get on board with Cruz's White House campaign even as he emerges as the likeliest alternative to businessman Donald Trump following a commanding victory Tuesday in Wisconsin.

"I just haven't heard any talk about it," responded Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, when asked whether Republican colleagues would be gravitating toward Cruz.

"I will tell you that wasn't the chatter," said Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., after emerging from a private GOP lunch.

"I don't see any rush to judgment," added Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, a four-term lawmaker.

Of Cruz's frosty relations with his colleagues, Roberts said: "I think that's obvious. That's just the way it is. But in the end result I think all of us would like to support the nominee and do the best we can."

Cruz's campaign has asked former Texas Sen. Phil Gramm to make the case for Cruz on Capitol Hill, even though Gramm himself initially endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio before Rubio dropped out.

Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, makes matzah at the Chabad Neshama Center during a campaign event Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I'm no fan of Donald Trump ... but this isn't over."
Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona

In a phone interview, Gramm said he wasn't seeking endorsements from senators but rather trying to "establish a working relationship for the future" between Cruz and Senate leaders like Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Cruz has dismissed McConnell as a member of the "Washington cartel" who's little better than a Democrat, but Gramm insisted that a constructive relationship will be possible.

"The most fundamental factor in putting together a working alliance with Congress for Ted Cruz is he shares their views as to what should be done," Gramm said.

"Whether his approach was right and theirs was wrong, or theirs was right and his was wrong in the past, is not a terribly relevant factor here." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRUMP

Donald shuffles the deck

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump is strengthening his team and refocusing on New York after tactical failures have raised doubts about his campaign operation.

The billionaire's campaign announced Thursday that veteran operative Paul Manafort would be taking on an expanded campaign role as chances of a contested party convention grow.

The move comes after Trump's loss this week in Wisconsin to rival Ted Cruz, which makes it increasingly unlikely that Trump will be unable to collect the 1,237 delegates needed to win the nomination.

The addition of Manafort to Trump's team also signals a less prominent role for campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, who recently was charged with simple battery over an incident with a female reporter in Florida. "The nomination process has reached a point that requires someone familiar with the complexities involved in the final stages," Trump said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. POLITICS

Democratic candidates swap blows

The race for the Democratic nomination took a negative turn, with front-runner Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders exchanging criticism over each other's qualifications for the presidency.

In press conferences, the rivals addressed the accusations, with Sanders vowing to fight back.

"This is not the type of politics that I wanna get in," he told journalists in Philadelphia. "But we'll get used to it fast. I'm not gonna get beat up. I'm not gonna get lied about."

Clinton, campaigning in New York City, sought to shift attention back to her Republican opponents, saying: "I will take Bernie Sanders over Donald Trump or Ted Cruz any time, so let's keep our eye over what's at stake in this election."

It was a notable shift in tone for a primary contest that has remained largely civil. As the race moves toward the New York primary on April 19, the stakes are higher for both campaigns. Sanders' recent string of victories is complicating Clinton's efforts to march toward the general election in November.

Sanders told a crowd in Philadelphia on Wednesday that Clinton has been saying he's "not qualified to be president."

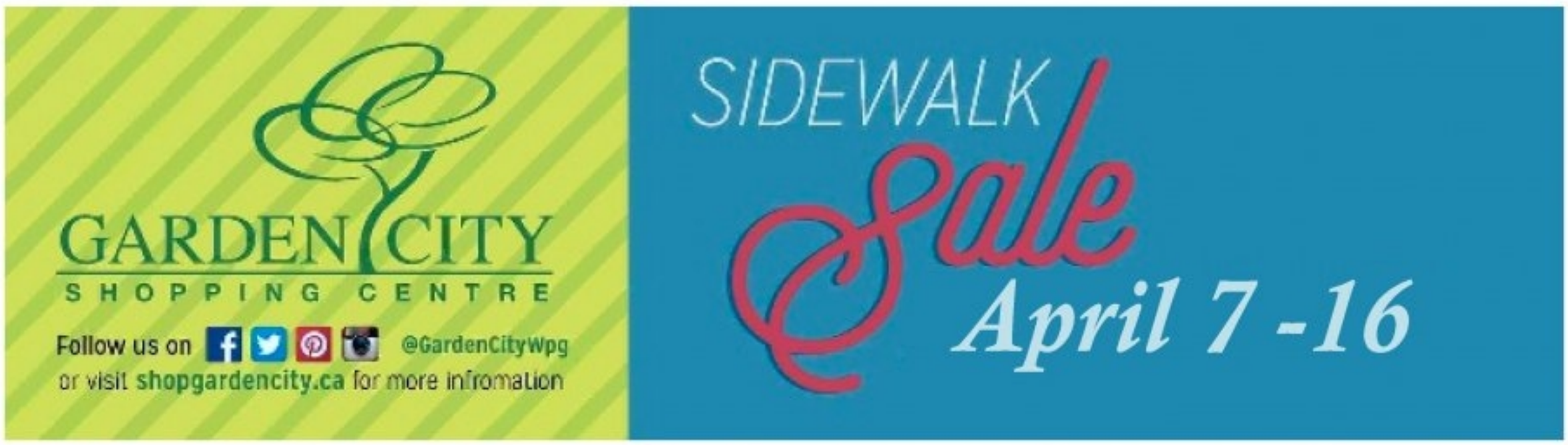
"I don't believe that she is qualified if she is, through her super PAC, taking tens of millions of dollars in special-interest funds," he said, referring to a political action committee.

Clinton earlier in the day questioned Sanders' truthfulness and policy expertise.

In a discussion of Sanders in an interview with the editorial board of the New York Daily News, Clinton was asked if "Bernie Sanders is qualified and ready to be president of the United States."

She responded, "Well, I think he hadn't done his homework, and he'd been talking for more than a year about doing things that he obviously hadn't really studied or understood, and that does raise a lot of questions." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton campaigns with borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. on April 7 in the Bronx. GETTY IMAGES



Oilpatch in record slump

ECONOMY

Industry sees biggest-ever 2-year decline in investment

Canada's oil and gas industry is on track to see its biggest two-year capital spending decline in its seven-decade history, according to the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

Companies are expected to invest $31 billion in 2016, a 62 per cent drop from the 2014 record of $81 billion.

It's the biggest drop since CAPP and its predecessor organizations began keeping track in 1947 — the year of Alberta's first major oil discovery.

The U.S. benchmark oil price was above $100 US a barrel in mid-2014. Now, it's at about $37 US — below what most producers need to be profitable.

CAPP estimates 110,000 direct and indirect jobs have been lost in the downturn, which began in late 2014 and continued to deepen through to last February when crude fell below US$30 a barrel for a time.

A water intake pipe for oil sands operations north of Fort McMurray, Alta., in 2015. Capital spending in Canada's oil and gas industry has dropped by $50 US billion since 2014. IAN WILLMS/GETTY IMAGES

"It is a really tough time," CAPP president and CEO Tim McMillan said Wednesday.

"Almost no one is left untouched within their family circle and within their social circle."

Compounding the pain is the inability for Canadian oil and gas producers to reach markets outside of the United States, a major global petroleum player itself.

Efforts to build oil export pipelines and liquefied natural gas terminals have faced stiff environmental opposition and regulatory delays.

In a release, CAPP said building that infrastructure should be a "national priority" but did not specify what concrete actions it wants provincial and federal governments to take.

Moving forward with pipelines and LNG, he said, is "the first and most obvious place to put us on that level playing field."

> We're not just battling global prices, we're battling global prices with a further discount.
> CAPP president Tim McMillan

Much of the debate around pipelines and LNG has focused on the broader climate impacts from fossil fuels.

Greenpeace campaigner Keith Stewart said CAPP is being "wilfully blind" to how the global push to combat climate change is transforming energy markets.

"Canada needs to take action so that we win in the new world of low-carbon, renewable energy, not prop up the fossil fuel industry," he said. "Oil companies have a choice: Transform themselves into clean energy providers, or go the way of the dinosaur."

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Call for cash for rail, ports

Big investments in both rail and marine infrastructure will be required to accommodate an acceleration in commodities shipments, particularly oil, over the next decade, says the Conference Board of Canada.

In a report released Thursday, the agency said annual tonnage of commodities shipped by rail will grow more quickly than in the past, rising 30 per cent by 2025.

The Conference Board said Canada's shifting trading patterns are putting additional pressure on railways and ports to meet the growing demand for commodities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The combined amount the Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway spent, on average, a year between 2005 and 2014 on rail infrastructure.

FOOD

Biz bosses take aim at sugar overload

Two Canadian business leaders want the country's food industry to use more transparent labels so Canadians know just how much sugar they're consuming.

Indigo's CEO and the former CEO of Lululemon are making sugar one of their main targets as they fight to change industry standards.

Sugar is the enemy, said Heather Reisman, CEO of Indigo Books and Music Inc. and executive producer of the 2014 documentary Fed Up, which takes on the sugar industry.

Lots of processed food contains high amounts of sugar, she said.

"Today, sugar is in everything — everything," she said during a presentation to the Toronto Region Board of Trade earlier this week. "It's in ketchup. It's in canned foods. It's in the bread we eat."

For her part, she's prohibited Indigo stores from selling chocolate treats at checkout counters to help hungry customers avoid making sugar-laden impulse purchases.

Canadians need to change the way they eat, Reisman said — and to succeed they need easier-to-understand food labels.

Currently, food packages list how many grams of sugar are contained in a single serving size (like half a cup).

"You have to be a chemist to understand how much sugar is in the product," she said.

Instead, Reisman is calling for something more "straightforward," like the number of teaspoons rather than grams.

The federal government pledged to revamp food labels in the October 2013 throne speech. Last June, Health Canada announced its proposed changes, and is now in the process of reviewing comments from a public consultation.

Health Canada's proposal to include the percentage of a serving's daily recommended amount of sugar is progress, said Christine Day, the former CEO of Lululemon. But added sugars, common in foods like yogurt and granola bars that are typically viewed as healthy, should be listed separately.

Day is now chief executive at Luvo, a company touting nutritious frozen food low in sodium and sugar. She said she has no qualms with doing that for her frozen meal products, which already provide detailed ingredient information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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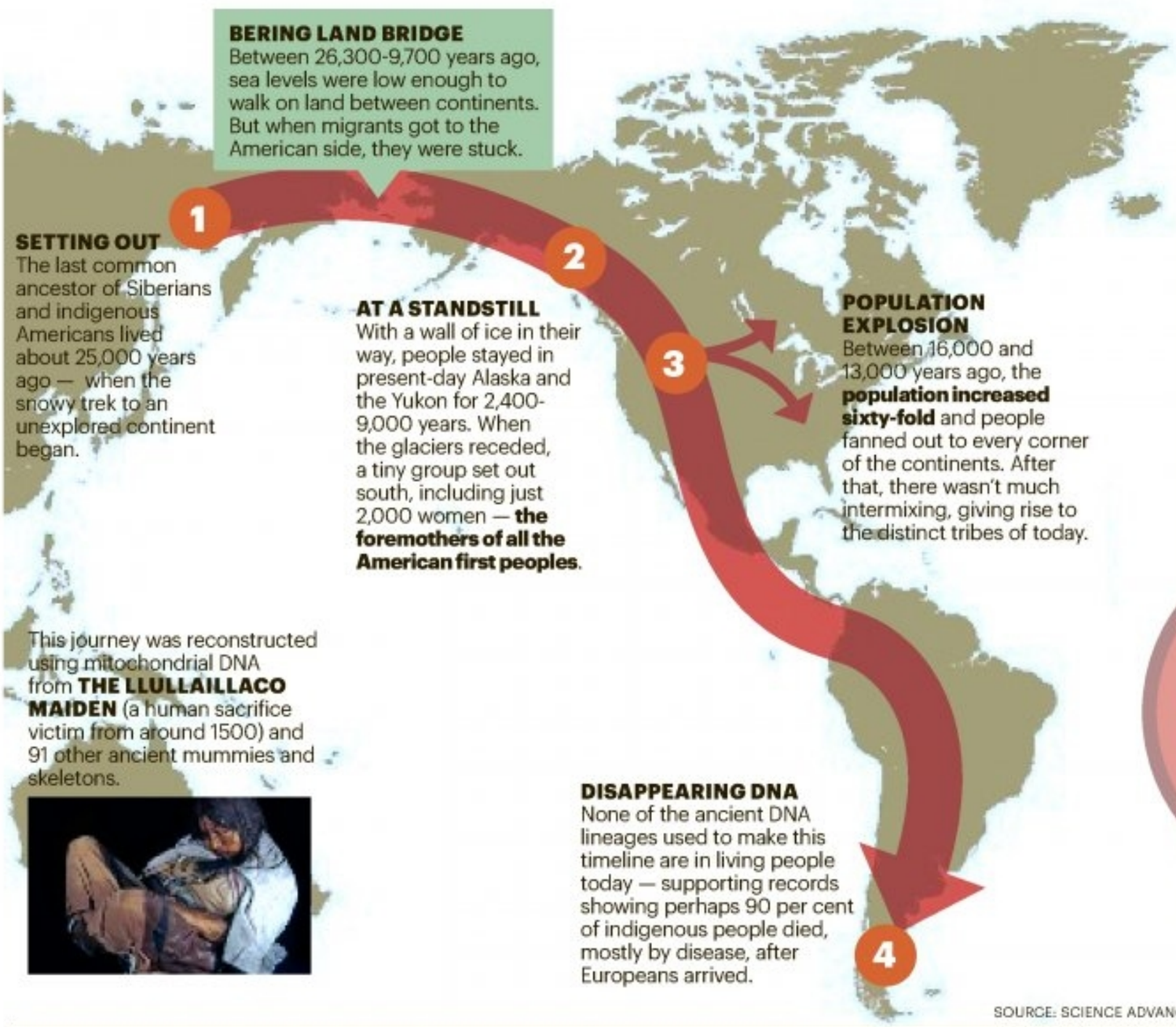
Don't brush this off: There are 1,698 reports of injuries from people accidentally swallowing bristles from brushes used to clean BBQ grills.

DECODED Journey to the Americas

THEY ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT

How did a small band of Stone-Age hunters from Siberia sow the genetic seeds of hundreds of distinct ethnic groups — from the Mayans to the Mohawk — across two vast continents? New genetic research hints at **a video game-like quest** for survival.

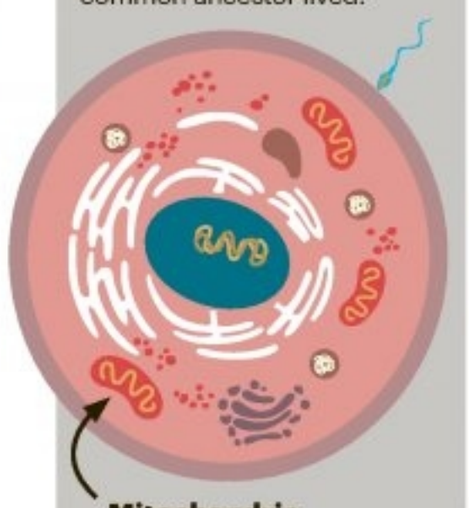


This journey was reconstructed using mitochondrial DNA from **THE LLULLAILLACO MAIDEN** (a human sacrifice victim from around 1500) and 91 other ancient mummies and skeletons.

Mitochondrial DNA: A molecular clock

• While your mom and dad both give you their DNA, only your mother also passes on all the other stuff in her egg cell — including mitochondria, which have their own DNA.

• Over time, very small changes (mutations) to mitochondrial DNA accumulate. Scientists can measure the differences in the mitochondrial DNA of ancient people and modern ones to estimate when their last common ancestor lived.



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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can a computer create life?

Scientists have built fake bacteria that can reproduce. If they're alive, what does "alive" even mean?
— Fred, Calgary

Oof. This is a tough one, Fred.

Some background: Last month, a team lead by Craig Venter of the Human Genome Project announced the creation of Syn 3.0, a man-made bacterium with 473 genes — the fewest in any living thing ever. We think this is close to the minimum DNA a cell needs to survive, reproduce and grow at a decent pace in a lab. Like the first synthetic cell, Syn 1.0, it reproduces on its own through cell division, just as real bacteria do.

This is exciting research. The authors still have no idea what about a third of Syn 3.0's genes do. Further studies might shed light on the earliest life and give us clues about the obscure parts of our own DNA.

Venter calls Syn the first species to have its parents be a computer. Freaky, right? It calls into question some of the fundamental things we believe about life.

"Life," the Encyclopaedia Britannica says, is "living matter that shows … responsiveness, growth, metabolism, energy transformation, and reproduction." So Syn 3.0 is alive.

But that definition doesn't capture the full meaning of the word. There's no hint in that list about why so many people believe life is sacred and mucking around with it is wrong.

"What is the meaning of life?" isn't a science question. It's not *falsifiable*: You can't make a hypothesis and design an experiment to prove yourself wrong. Ditto for "Which life forms are ethical to make synthetically?" and "Who should get access to these tools?" We have to answer those as a global community, through the political process. Outside the lab.

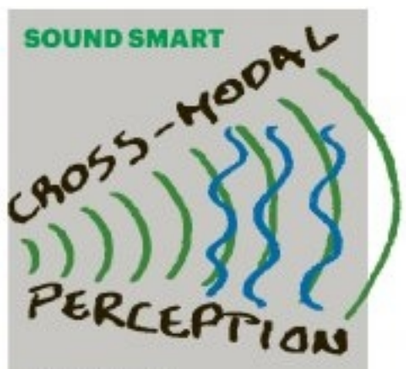
Science Question?
Tweet @genna_buck

FINDINGS
Your week in science

DUNES ON MARS
The sand dunes on Mars have mysterious, massive ripples three metres deep, NASA's Curiosity rover shows. They're far bigger than what's found on Earth, perhaps because of the chemicals in the Martian atmosphere or its heavy, volcanic sands.

MALE BIRTH CONTROL
A long-acting, reversible contraceptive for men effectively keeps lab rabbits from breeding like rabbits, according to research in the journal of Basic and Clinical Andrology. Human trials of the product — a gel injected into the vas deferens — start in late 2016.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION
Cross-modal perception is an experience that involves interaction between two or more senses. The fact that chocolate apparently tastes sweeter when people are listening to a high-pitched sound is an example.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
"These fries taste off to me; maybe I'm experiencing **cross-modal perception** because of the obnoxious music in this bar."

PHILOSOPHER CAT
by Jason Logan

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In Demolition, Jake Gyllenhaal plays investment banker Davis Mitchell whose life is turned upside down when his wife is killed. CONTRIBUTED

Jake dancing with himself

DEMOLITION

Gyllenhaal nails another uncomfortable, maverick role

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Grief is no laughing matter, but with Demolition, Jake Gyllenhaal has made a whimsical movie about a man on the edge of falling into the abyss.

The film continues Gyllenhaal's quest to explore characters who aren't immediately likeable or understandable. No other mainstream actor puts himself or herself out there as consistently or successfully as Gyllenhaal. He takes chances, throwing himself at edgy portrayals of real people. Recently we've seen him as Nightcrawler's reptilian Lou Bloom, a slick-talking drifter who falls into the freelance news-gathering business, a man who seeks his doppelganger in Enemy and Southpaw's inarticulate brute with a heart of gold, World Middleweight Boxing Champion Billy Hope.

In Demolition, he plays investment banker Davis Mitchell. Wealthy and happy, his life is turned upside down when he and his wife Julia are bickering about banal home stuff and their car is broadsided and she is killed.

Instead of being plunged into grief, Davis becomes numb, impervious to the seven stages that usually accompany grave loss. However, his behaviour becomes increasingly strange. When he writes a letter to a vending-machine company demanding a refund, he finds an outlet for his feelings and a therapist of sorts in customer-service rep Karen Moreno, played by Naomi Watts. As his letters grow increasingly heartfelt and raw, Karen's sympathetic ear and later, her rebellious son, help Davis demolish his life so he can rebuild his world.

"It's a story about a guy who begins the movie in a conventional way and ends the movie through an unconventional journey," said Gyllenhaal at a press conference I hosted with him at TIFF last year, "feeling however (he wants and needs to) and not how society tells him to feel."

Here the 35-year-old actor delivers strong work, grounding the film's quirkiness in a character you may not understand but can empathize with. He does the heavy lifting, and his work humanizes this offbeat film.

When Davis spontaneously dances on the streets of New York or demolishes his marital home, it's outrageous but it is the sight of a man in pain refusing to face up to the fact that he wasn't a very good husband and will never be able to make amends to Julia. It's occasionally very funny, other times tragic.

The surreal dance scenes are surprising for the audience, but Gyllenhaal says they were a surprise to him as well.

"I always looked on the schedule for when the dancing was going to be," he said at the presser, revealing that director Jean Marc Vallee shot the scenes spontaneously.

"The first time I danced, we were on the train, and (Vallee) said, 'Okay, the train's pulling in,' and handed me an iPod, gave me an earphone and said, 'Are you ready to dance? Let's go.' By the end, I didn't want to stop dancing. I made like a whirling dervish."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Boss	★★
Demolition	★★★★
Hardcore Henry	★★
I Saw the Light	★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

Director X marks a new film phase

ACROSS THE LINE

Hotline Bling creator takes on a big-screen hockey story

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Director X (real name Julien Christian Lutz) has captured some of hip-hop's most iconic images on film. His Hotline Bling music video racked up almost 300 million online views, and he's directed promos for everyone from Rihanna and Kendrick Lamar to Iggy Azalea to Busta Rhymes, but now that he's made the leap to the movies don't expect a big screen musical from him.

"I've lived my life for almost twenty years with guys rapping or singing or singers who wish they were rappers," he says.

"I've swum in those waters enough. Now that I've got people talking I don't want them to talk about rapping and singing. Forgive me if that is not something I'm into right now.

"Maybe when I'm an old man doing a period piece about this time it might be interesting but I've always felt hip hop is like a movie right in front of your face. Chris Brown and Drake really got into a fight at a bar and threw vodka bottles at one another. Me fictionalizing a movie of that [isn't necessary], you're watching the movie unfold in front of your face, bullet time. For someone else, go on ahead, but there are other stories I'd like to tell and speak in my own voice."

Over the years X has been connected to other projects — there were rumours he would direct a vampire film called Razorwire — but says he chose Across the Line as his debut feature film because "it was actually about something."

"It's about where I'm from," he says. "It's about Canada but a deeper level of Canadian history and Canadian communities. It's not just a story about Toronto or a story we know, regardless of the city."

Inspired by true events, the film is a study of race in small-town Nova Scotia as seen from the perspective of a young National Hockey League prospect. When his chance at the big league is threatened by family problems and racial tension at his high school, he must overcome intolerance, cultural tension and the odds to fulfil his dream.

"It's a story that needed to be told," says the director, whose next film is a sequel to the movie Center Stage.

> **It's about Canada, but a deeper level of Canadian history and Canadian communities.**
> Director X

Across the Line is the debut feature film from acclaimed hip-hop director Julien Christian Lutz, a.k.a. Director X.
CONTRIBUTED

ABOUT THE FILM

Hockey's hidden history

- Nova Scotia native Floyd Kane wrote the film, which stars Stephan James (pictured below) as a prodigious and book-smart black hockey player being eyed by NHL scouts. Hurting his chances are his brother's nefarious activities as well as deep-rooted racial tensions in North Preston, N.S., which is billed as Canada's largest black community.
- Co-stars include Sarah Jeffery, Shamier Anderson, Lanette Ware, Steven Love and Jim Codrington.

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X's music video work is characterized by his own particular sense of style, something he had to put on the back burner while making Across the Line.

"I brought myself to it but at the same time there aren't any scenes that are just pure visual fun," he says. "There was no John Woo cool. When you're making movies you have a responsibility to respect the story over cool awesome shots that belong in blockbusters as opposed to a narrative. But at the same time it's not just turning on the lights and putting the camera on a tripod. It's finding a style that aids the story as opposed to just something that is cool stuff."

Across the Line's story has already connected with festival audiences. It won Best Atlantic Feature at the Atlantic Film Festival and earned kind reviews at the Beverly Hills and Boston International Film Festivals, which X thinks are driven by the realism on the screen. "It's inspired by life," he says, "and takes turns that only come out of life."

Coaxing out that award-worthy acting

DEMOLITION

Eschewing lights, makeup and blocking is director's style

Jean-Marc Vallee can't help but offer up his two cents as a photographer sets up a light for a quick photo shoot before an interview.

It's too close, too bright and too hot, the Quebec director says.

This is not the way he likes to shoot, Vallee adds wearily as a long day of media interviews takes place at the Toronto International Film Festival.

And it's certainly not the way he approached his latest film, Demolition.

Jake Gyllenhaal stars as a young widower who is unable to express his grief and spirals into increasingly erratic and destructive behaviour.

As with Vallee's previous films Wild, Dallas Buyers Club and Cafe de Flore, this emotion-laden drama featured a loose production style that eschewed lights, makeup and blocking.

Jean-Marc Vallee CONTRIBUTED

"It's not (a situation where) the actor has the feel of the light of a spotlight — like (the light) that was so bright earlier for the picture — so when you have this on set, the actors they know, they feel the light and now they want to be lit," he said during a round of interviews last September.

"Now, when you don't have this, they don't get self-conscious, they don't have to hit a mark and it doesn't put style on top. Style doesn't matter. It's not about style, it's about storytelling and characters and emotion."

It's an approach that has established Vallee as a master of drawing out raw, emotional performances — not to mention Academy Awards attention — from his actors.

That includes the Oscar-winning turns from Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto in Dallas Buyers Club, and Oscar nominations for Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern for their work in Wild.

This time, Vallee found a willing partner in Gyllenhaal, who plays the emotionally stunted Davis, and Naomi Watts, as a single mom who is gradually drawn into his grief-stricken orbit.

Watts said she embraced Vallee's unconventional approach, which included using only natural light sources during filming and virtually no makeup or hair-styling.

"There's really no vanity involved. Once you let go of that, the actors can be free," Watts said at the festival, adding that "every day you'd go to work and never know what was going to happen."

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Sing for the girls, stay for the refuge

FILM

Star of musical romance says he connects with band role

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Pete Townshend, guitar god of The Who, says he learned to play guitar and started a band for two reasons:

A: His nose. B. To meet girls.

About his nose he said, "It was huge. It was the reason I played guitar." He also noted that bands (even band members with large noses) "always got the best girls."

"It is definitely one of the things that inspires lads to play music," agrees Sing Street star Ferdia Walsh-Peelo.

Ask most male musicians why they joined a band and 99 out of 100 will tell you it was for one very simple reason, to meet women. Art, money and fame are often far distant second place to the lure of the opposite sex.

Such is the case with Conor (Walsh-Peelo) a 15-year-old school boy with a crush on Raphina (Lucy Boynton) in Sing Street, the new musical romance from Once director John Carney that plays like a spiritual cousin to The Commitments.

"I think that is the thing that gets Conor started and gets people started in pop music," he says. "Then you form the band and you find refuge in the music. It becomes more than just getting the girl. It's actually a way of coping when things are crap.

"I didn't have a great time in school and I went through all these similar kind of phases (as Conor). I remember seeing (the John Lennon biopic) Nowhere Boy and me and this other guy at school bought leather jackets, gelled our hair back and went into school. Bringing combs with us and doing our hair like in Grease. Looking like complete t—s running around town just doing mad stuff. It's all part of the process. Finding yourself and finding your voice."

Ferdia Walsh-Peelo and Mark Mckenna star in Sing Street. CONTRIBUTED

Born and reared just 30 minutes outside Dublin in County Wicklow, in the film the young actor is the perfect picture of an '80s rock star, despite knowing next to nothing about the decade or the music when he signed on to play Conor.

"It was a huge learning curve," he says. "I hadn't reached that point where I was diving into '80s music. I suppose I was up to the late '60s. When I went into Sing Street I was playing bands and we were still in that place. I was listening to loads of country, music from Tennessee, skiffle music, bluegrass. I had been experimenting with loads of different kinds of music and

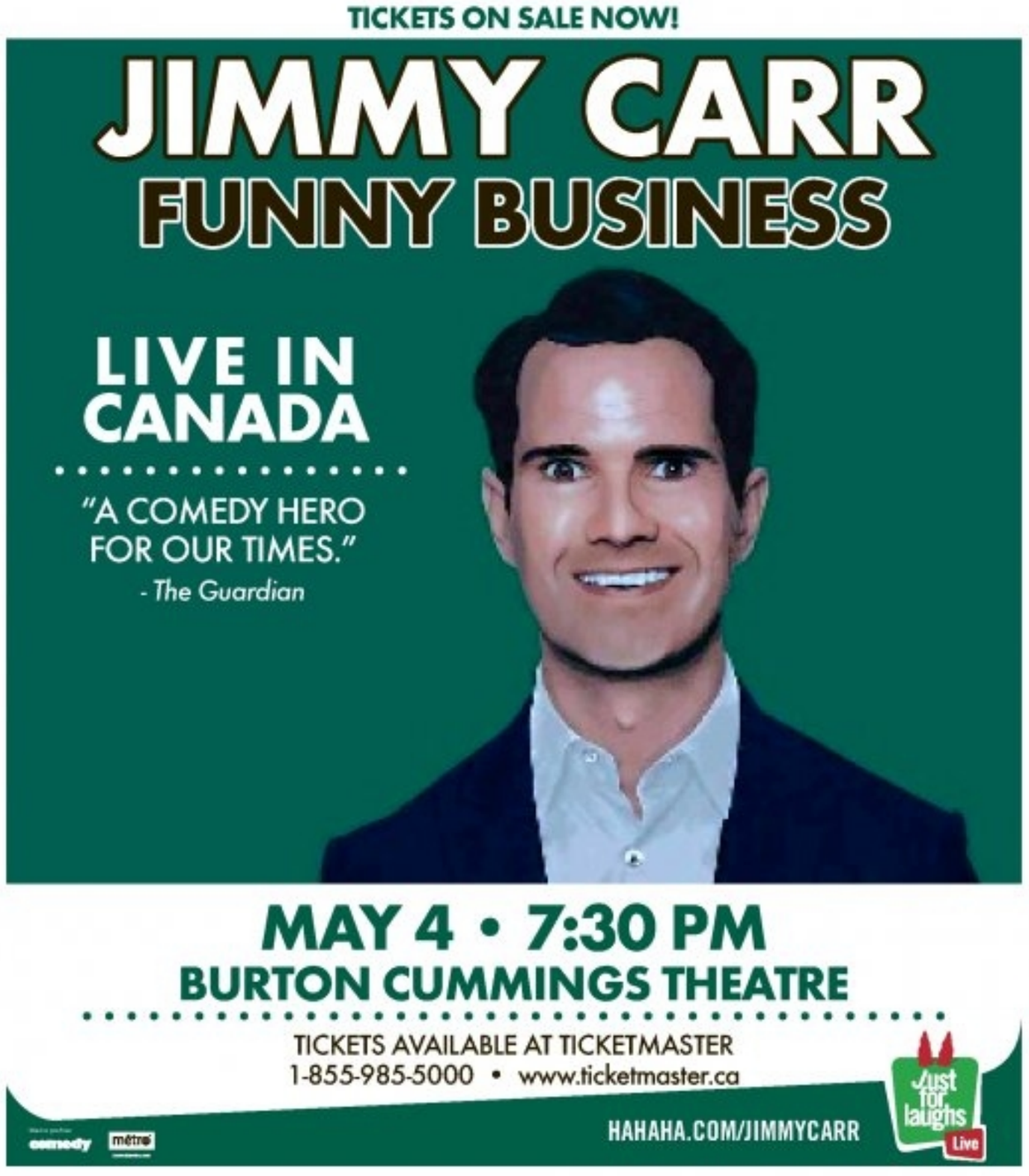
> **I got into it after watching a million ridiculous '80s videos**
> Ferdia Walsh-Peelo

I got into the '80s stuff when we shot the movie.

"It took me a while but then I got into it after watching a million ridiculous '80s videos. I just got it," he says. "They just weren't taking themselves seriously at all. It was just that kind of era. It was all just mad, wasn't it? There was loads of horrendous stuff around at that time but there were a few gems. Hall and Oates are absolute gems of the pop stuff."

The musician-turned-actor also singles out The Cure and The Talking Heads as "great stuff," but says his heart lies in folk music.

"Folk music is always where it's been at for me. I played skiffle music with bands for the craic (fun) of it but when I came back, in my room I'd be listening to Joni Mitchell."



Borealis is a little film about a roadtrip to Churchill, Manitoba. CONTRIBUTED

Growing up in front of the cameras

BOREALIS

Joey King is only 16, but she's been in some big films

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

To steal an overworked epithet, Joey King is a rising star.

After all, the L.A. actress is hot off the hit TV series Fargo, recently been named one of today's top teen actors by Variety magazine and won best actress at the Vancouver Film Festival.

For many 16-year-olds, fame would go straight to their heads, but not King.

"Obviously, I let myself have these moments," said King recently from California.

"You get excited and proud but it's never like I deserved that (because) to be honest, there's another girl who had an amazing performance elsewhere that also deserves it — I just happened to get recognized."

If she sounds uniquely humble, that's because Joey King is.

After all, at 16 she has accomplished more than most actors do in a lifetime.

From working in such thrillers as The Dark Knight Rises and White House Down to lining up an impressive array of hotly-anticipated movies — such as the sequel to 1996's sci-fi smash Independence Day, King has every excuse to be smug.

"I think that my mindset for how I think now comes from growing up around adults," explained King, pointing out she's now a 12-year veteran in showbiz.

"Growing up around all these people that much wiser, more experienced in life than me — I've always just wanted to keep up."

Her humility certainly shines through in King's upcoming feature as well.

A quirky low-budget Canadian drama called Borealis, King is gaining praise for her refined portrayal of an estranged youth on a road trip to chilly Churchill, Manitoba, with her father (Jonas Chernick) to see the northern lights, before an illness steals her sight.

Not exactly the equivalent to working on a big Hollywood blockbuster.

"Being on a set like Borealis (and) Independence Day, the difference is unreal," laughed King insisting she doesn't have a preference over either experience.

Joey King, left, and Jonas Chernick star in Borealis. CONTRIBUTED

"But a common theme among every film I work on is that everyone who is on the film — the crew members behind the scenes, people on camera — they're all so passionate about the work they're doing.

"So big or small, it doesn't matter.

"I just love working with passionate people."

MORE ON KING

- **How Joey ended up in Manitoba:** King only discovered Borealis after filmmaker/star Jonas Chernick penned a four-page letter pleading her to join the cast. "It was just a beautifully-written letter and it was so sweet and I could just tell how much passion these guys had for their film," said King.
- **Biggest surprise about filming in Canada:** "My biggest surprise was that the (Assiniboine) Zoo let us use their polar bear sanctuary for one of our scenes and, with no questions, cleared out the polar bears," said King. "That could never happen in L.A."

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Much to tourism board's chagrin, I Took A Pill in Ibiza becomes Billboard Top 10 hit

From 1961 to 1989 a wall literally and emotionally divided Berlin. Today, parts — sometimes covered in '80s graffiti — can be seen at Bernauer Strasse and the Mauermuseum. PHOTOS LOREN CHRISTIE/FOR METRO

Traces of a city divided

Berlin is one of today's great art and cultural capitals. It also has a fascinating recent past, in part due to the wall that divided it for 28 years. **Loren Christie** spent 48 hours in this trailblazing city and reports back with a danke schön.

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Berlin is a city with emotional intelligence; acutely aware of its place as ground zero for much of the troubled history of the 20th century while embracing its status as a political and cultural trailblazer in the 21st.

I recently spent a weekend in Berlin and despite my limited time and the city's size — 3.5 million people spread out over almost 900 square kilometres — I was able to get a sense of this grand city.

It sounds unimaginative, but the ubiquitous hop-on hop-off city tour is perfect for those on a schedule. The City Circle Tour includes a running commentary and has 18 stops including a couple around the Tiergarten, Berlin's massive inner city park and the former West Berlin downtown district of Charlottenburg.

The tour includes many references to the devastation of World War II and indeed the few pre-war buildings left standing are architectural stand-outs, but most of the tour is focused on life between 1961 and 1989 when the Berlin Wall literally and emotionally divided the city. Checkpoint Charlie was the best known border crossing between East and West.

Today there is a small guardhouse left standing where you can get a Checkpoint Charlie stamp in your passport and have a photo taken with some character actor guards.

Across the street, the Mauermuseum tells the history of the Wall through photos, videos and newspaper articles.

The Brandenburg Gate, the site of Kennedy's "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech in 1963, is likely Berlin's most recognized monument.

It's a worthy photo stop and a short walk to many of the city's historic buildings, including the German Reichstag.

A broad boulevard lined with shops, the Kurfürstendamm is considered the Champs-Élysées of Berlin. Skip the brand-name shops and go to the iconic KaDeWe department store. The sixth floor food stalls are foodie heaven and make a great lunch stop offering anything from traditional currywurst to fine French champagne and cheeses.

On my second day I squeezed in a visit to Bernauer Strasse where a large section of the wall still stands.

Sombre memorial plaques do an outstanding job explaining how brutal this period of history was for Berlin. It is best accessed via the Nordbahnhof subway station.

Don't miss the storyboards inside the station, which describe the ghost lines — West Berlin subway trains that passed through East Berlin.

The stations that once serviced the lines were shuttered to the East Berliners while anxious subway riders from the West trundled past the murky platforms lined with armed guards.

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Five signs that capture the humour of America

Some people snap selfies, landscape and nature pics or shots of important sites while on vacation. Others have slightly quirkier taste in travel photography.

Here is travel writer Jennifer Allford's collection of photos of signs, slogans and scribbles from across three American states that make her laugh.

1 Sante Fe — An artist has given a cross-walk sign in Santa Fe, N.M., the X-ray treatment.

2 Madrid — A T-shirt at the Mine Shaft Tavern in Madrid, N.M., backs the Brothers of Arthritis.

3 Tuscan — Graffiti adorns an abandoned stone hut at Gates Pass, just outside Tucson, Ariz.

4 North Adams — Signs spotlight more unusual items in Hudsons' store windows in North Adams, Mass.

5 Las Vegas — A store in Las Vegas issues a parking warning via its sign.

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Gonzaga sophomore Domantas Sabonis, son of Arvydas, has decided to skip the rest of his college career and declare for the NBA draft

Summit to help hockey climb out of 'dark ages'

NHL

Executives expected at analytics conference

Peter Tingling says he's finally noticing a shift in how the hockey world views advanced statistics.

That doesn't mean there isn't still a long way to go.

"If you think Corsi is analytics, you think the crossbow is a modern weapon," said Tingling, a management information systems professor at Simon Fraser University. "The fact of the matter is hockey's in the dark ages. Nice to see them finally step up a little bit."

> **There's a generational shift happening right now and it seems fairly inevitable that most sports will turn to this as part of what they do.**
>
> Peter Chow-White, data researcher

Corsi — plainly referred to as "shot attempts percentage" by the NHL — is a fairly basic formula that helps figure out how much a team possesses the puck relative to its opponent.

But as more data has become available in recent years thanks to better tracking of players on the ice, advanced statisticians have rapidly expanded with new, more detailed ways to both measure, and attempt to predict, performance.

"Analytics are about how do we get the most juice out of the lemon?" said Tingling. "How do we get the right piece of the jigsaw puzzle in place?"

With questions like those in mind, Tingling is part of a group at SFU hosting a hockey analytics conference in Vancouver on Saturday that's expected to attract executives, academics, students and fans.

And while advanced stats are being viewed more favourably in the NHL — many teams have analytics departments and the league's website has been updated with enhanced statistical categories — event organizers say it's still an uphill climb.

"To do something differently you have to challenge the status quo," said Tim Swartz, a statistics professor at SFU and the driving force behind the conference. "The analytics-type people aren't necessarily hockey people. It takes some time. Results get communicated, but they don't always get accepted."

Swartz co-authored a paper a few years ago that tackled when a team down by one in third period should pull its goalie. The numbers showed the optimal time was with three minutes left, much sooner than what had been the accepted norm.

The Colorado Avalanche have adopted an advanced statistic that suggests the optimal time to pull a goalie when down in the third period is with three minutes left. DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

After some initial shock from fans and media when Colorado Avalanche head coach Patrick Roy brought the practice to the NHL, other teams started to gradually follow suit.

"I like looking at problems of strategy and how to best utilize resources," said Swartz. "There's a salary cap, so how do you spend your money wisely? What's a player worth? That's kind of the holy grail of sports problems — player evaluation.

"We all know Sidney Crosby is great, but there's a whole bunch of (supporting) guys who might be comparable. Who's best for your team?"

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3-on-3 OT leading to fewer shootouts

The NHL is getting its wish with 3-on-3 overtime.

Far fewer games have been settled in the shootout this season following the introduction of the new overtime format. In fact, the NHL is on track to have 36 per cent fewer shootouts from last season, from 170 a year ago to something approaching 109 this year.

Overtime is settling games that go beyond regulation at about a 61 per cent clip this season, up substantially from the 44 per cent mark of one year earlier and 42 per cent the year before that.

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The NHL is on track to have 36 per cent fewer shootouts from last season.

"The 3-on-3 has been entertaining, it has been exciting, it's been effective," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a recent interview. "And we still have the shootout, but it's probably made the shootout even more special because there are fewer of them.

"I think if you ask any of the managers and frankly, fans, it's had the intended effect and it's working the way we expected," Bettman added.

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MASTERS

Spieth in familiar territory atop field

Jordan Spieth picked up where he left off at the Masters.

After a resounding victory a year ago, the 22-year-old Texan went bogey-free to card a 6-under 66 and grab the outright lead.

Spieth's closest pursuers were Danny Lee and Shane Lowry at 4 under.

Spieth became the second-youngest Masters winner with his dominating 18-under performance a year ago.

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Jordan Spieth GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Legendary Habs coach recovering from stroke

Sen. Jacques Demers remains in a Montreal hospital in what one colleague described as "serious but stable" condition after suffering a stroke.

The 71-year-old was said to be conscious Thursday morning.

Demers, who coached the Montreal Canadiens to their 1993 Stanley Cup victory, is a patient of the team's current doctor, David Mulder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liverpool holds Dortmund to draw in Klopp's return

Juergen Klopp's Liverpool held Borussia Dortmund to 1-1 on his return to his former club for the first leg of their Europa League quarter-final, while defending champion Sevilla and Shakhtar Donetsk won away on Thursday.

Liverpool forward Divock Origi scored against the run of play in the first half, with Dortmund captain Mats Hummels heading the equalizer just after the break. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Canada's Koe 10-1 after round robin

With an emphatic rout of the tournament host, Canada has sent notice that it's the team to beat heading into the playoffs at the men's world curling championship.

Kevin Koe's Calgary rink finished the round-robin in first place at 10-1, capping its run to the playoffs with a 7-2 win over Switzerland in Thursday's final draw.

After posting a few shaky wins to start the tournament, Canada rounded into form and almost ran the table. Koe's only hiccup was a 4-3 extra-end loss to defending champion Sweden on Wednesday.

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1-2 SHOWDOWN

Canada will have the hammer when it plays Denmark (8-3) in the 1-2 Page playoff game on Friday.

RECIPE Veggie Pot Pie

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Who says vegetarian meals can't be comfort meals?

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 1/2 lbs diced mushrooms
- 2 cups butternut squash, 1-inch cubes
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup light cream
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 x 397-gram package frozen puff pastry
- 1 egg

Directions

1. Allow puff pastry to thaw on the counter for one hour. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

2. In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Put onion, garlic, squash, mushrooms, celery, thyme and pepper in pot and sautée for 12 to 15 minutes. Sprinkle flour over vegetables, stir and cook for 2 minutes. Add stock, cream and frozen peas and simmer for a couple minutes.

2. Roll out your puff pastry to 1/4-inch thinness. Cut into squares that will fit your ramekins and flop over the edges.

3. Ladle your vegetable mixture into your ramekins. Place a pastry lid over each. Quickly whisk an egg with a bit of water in a small bowl. Brush over top of each pie. Score slits into the pastry tops with a sharp knife.

4. Place the ramekins on a cookie sheet and cook for 25 to 30 minutes until the crusts are golden. Allow to cool before serving.

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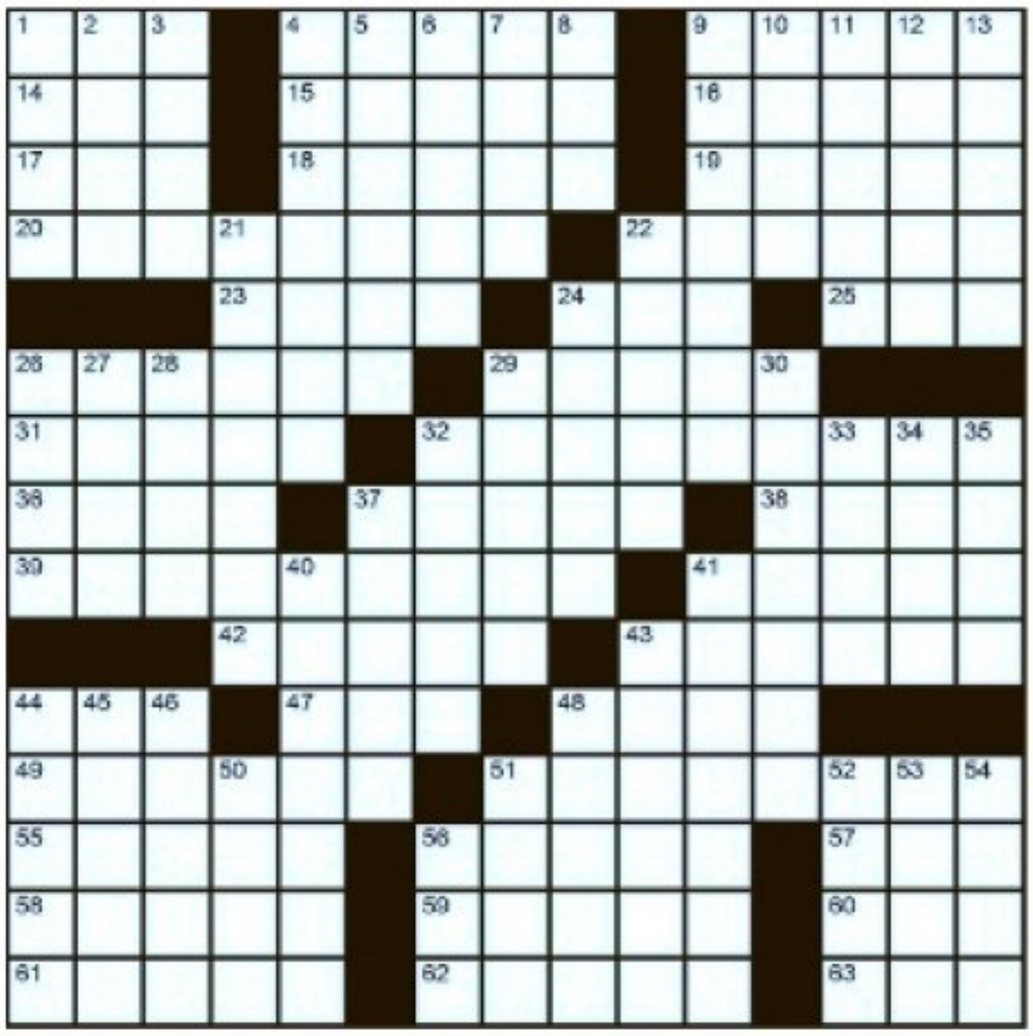
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Vitality
4. "Blue __ Shoes"
9. Receded, as tidewater
14. Red Cross mission
15. Invest with funding
16. Thousand: French
17. Alkali
18. Type of skirt
19. __ donna
20. Pitching-a-tent part of a provincial park
22. Window type
23. Acorns grow on them
24. Uncooked
25. Open with might
26. Inconvenience
29. Loved ones, in Spanish = __ queridos
31. Spew
32. The Battle of __ __ (The great victory, and sacrifice, of the Canadian Corps of April 9th to April 12th, 1917)
36. Molokai feast
37. Seal
38. "__!" ...cried the cat
39. Enduring
41. Shredded Wheat cereal stuff
42. Deli side orders
43. One creating too much motion on the pinball machine
44. Seer's skill, shortly
47. 51s ...ancient Rome style
48. Kind of apple
49. Urban __
51. Hat of Mexico
55. Ben Stiller's actress mother Anne
56. Costless: 2 wds.
57. Kitchen floors cleaner
58. Ewoks' forest moon home
59. Brenda __, Reporter (Classic comic strip)
60. Suffix with 'Glycer'
61. Rose to one's feet
62. Least best
63. Amount of the Roman Numeral X

DOWN
1. Accountant's tool, briefly
2. "Hey there!": 2 wds.
3. 'Ditto' in a footnote
4. Sprinkled seasoning that's fancier than the usual: 2 wds.
5. Different
6. Modifies magazines
7. Exhausted
8. Meadows mother
9. Give a boost of strength and confidence
10. Whirring sound
11. Sight in the sky over a sports stadium
12. "__ Gantry" (1960)
13. Darling
21. Arboreal marsupials
22. Ms. Hannah
24. Send payment
26. Self-__ book
27. Flu symptom
28. Burn slightly in cooking
29. Road postings on posts
30. Resembling
32. Those of debating sides mostly conflict
33. Owed-money
34. Ex-VP Al
35. Something spouted
37. Garden gastropod
40. As per #32-Across... Walter Seymour __ (Toronto-born sculptor who designed the monument in France commemorating the Canadians who fought in The Great War)
41. Hazelnut
43. Lion __ (Circus performers)
44. Namesakes of Carlisle Cullen's wife in 'Twilight' movies
45. Like no-longer-in-the-account money
46. Museum attraction in Madrid
48. Succeed: 2 wds.
50. Suffix with 'Buck'
51. __ __ speak
52. Give off
53. Cycled
54. Sign on the store's door
56. Li'l Australian state

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. If shopping, you will appreciate what you buy. Trust your money-making ideas.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today the Moon is in your sign, dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. It's a great day to plan a vacation or a social event. Enjoy playful times with children.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a feel-good day, and you have a warm feeling in your tummy. Enjoy all your encounters with others, especially family and friends. Invite the gang over for a barbecue!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with friends and members of groups. You are high-viz now, and people easily admire you. Make the most of this!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
People in power (bosses, parents and teachers) are impressed with you today. For some reason, personal details about your private life are made public. Oh well.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do something to shake it up a bit, because you want to broaden your horizons today. Go someplace you've never been before. Travel if you can.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a good day to discuss touchy subjects about inheritances, taxes and debt. People are in a good mood and inclined to agree. Quite likely, you will benefit.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Relations with partners and close friends are smooth and friendly today. This is also a good day to deal with members of the general public.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Co-workers are supportive today. Some of you will enjoy work-related travel. You can learn something new on the job that expands your experience of the world.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a party day for your sign! Make plans to enjoy fun diversions with others. Sports events, playful times with children and romantic liaisons will be fun and thrilling.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Real-estate deals will be excellent today. This is also a good day to do anything to improve your home or your relationship with family members.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Writers, editors, teachers and actors are favored today, because your communication skills are hot. It's easy to be in a positive frame of mind, because you're happy.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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